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SUBJECT: UNGA: HIGH LEVEL ATTENDANCE AT 31ST REGULAR SESSION

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1. FINNISH DELEGATION TO 31ST REGULAR SESSION OF THE UNGA WILL BE LED BY FOREIGN MINISTER KALEVI SORSA WHO PLANS TO BE IN NEW YORK FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 26 (EXACT TRAVEL PLANS WILL BE REPORTED WHEN AVAILABLE). SORSA IS CHAIRMAN OF SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND FORMER PRIME MINISTER (1972-75). HE IS CONSIDERED IN THE LEFT-CENTER OF THE SDP AND HAS IN THE PAST SUPPORTED LIBERATION MOVEMENTS IN THE THIRD WORLD. AS A YOUNG (45) AND AMBITIOUS LEADER OF FINLAND'S LARGEST POLITICAL PARTY, SORSA IS EXPECTED TO BE A LEADING FIGURE IN HIS COUNTRY'S PARLIAMENTARY AND PRESIDENTIAL POLITICS FOR YEARS TO COME.

2. VICE CHAIRMEN OF FINNISH DELEGATION WILL BE UN PERMREP AARNO KARHILO, AND MINISTRY FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS DIRECTOR FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS, JAAKKO ILONIEMI (BOTH WERE ALSO VICE CHAIRMEN OF FINNISH DELEGATION AT 30TH UNGA).

3. OTHER MEMBERS OF FINNISH DELEGATION ARE WILHELM
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BREITENSTEIN, MINISTER COUNSELOR AT FINNISH PERMANENT

UN MISSION, AND BENGT BROMS, PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL LAW AT HELSINKI UNIVERSITY. ADDITIONAL MFA EXPERTS AND TECHNICIANS WHO WILL SERVE ON DELEGATION HAVE NOT YET BEEN DESIGNATED.

4. NAMED BY FINNISH POLITICAL PARTIES TO SERVE AS THEIR REPRESENTATIVES ON THE DELEGATION ARE (WITH PARTY REPRESENTED SHOWN IN PARENTHESES); ILMARI HELIMAKI, PHD, DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF METEOROLOGICAL INSTITUTE (CHRISTIAN LEAGUE); HEIKKI S. VON HERTZEN, SECRETARY OF CONSERVATIVE YOUTH LEAGUE (CONSERVATIVE); JUKKA HUOPANIEMI, INSTRUCTOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AT UNIVERSITY OF HELSINKI (CENTER); PERTTI JOENNIEMI, EMPLOYED BY PEACE AND CONFLICT RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN TAMPERE (SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC); ERKKI MAASALO, INFORMATION CHIEF OF FEDERATION OF FINNISH TECHNICAL FUNCTIONAIRES' UNION (LIBERAL); PETER NYBERG, RESEARCH WORKERS IN CURRENCY DEPARTMENT OF BANK OF FINLAND (SOCIAL DEMOCRAT); PEKKA TUOMINEN, SECRETARY TO A MEMBER OF FINNISH PARLIAMENT (SWEDISH PARTY); MARKKU VAINIO, EDITOR COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER KANSAN UUTiset (FINNISH PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC LEAGUE, THE COMMUNIST-DOMINATED ELECTORAL ALLIANCE); AND PENTTI VAANANEN, LAW STUDENT (SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC).

5. OF THOSE MENTIONED PARA 3 AND 4, BREITENSTEIN, BROMS, HELIMAKI, VON HERTZEN, HUOPANIEMI, AND VAANANEN WERE ALL MEMBERS OF FINNISH UNGA DELEGATION IN EITHER 1974 OR 1975.

6. WILL REPORT ADDITIONAL MEMBERS OF DELEGATION AND INFORMATION AS AVAILABLE.
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